

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 791

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Honorable George Logan "Buzz" Lovell on the occasion of his retirement as General Sessions Court Judge for Maury County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge George Logan "Buzz" Lovell is one such noteworthy jurist who has served the good people of Maury County with distinction since his election as general sessions court judge in 1988; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary thirty-year tenure on the bench, Judge Lovell has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, student body president of the 1968 graduating class at Columbia Central High School, George Logan "Buzz" Lovell obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tennessee College of Law and earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious career on the bench, Judge Lovell practiced law in his hometown alongside such skilled attorneys and future judges as Robert L. Jones, Robert L. Holloway, and Bobby Sands; and

WHEREAS, seeking to serve his community, George Logan Lovell was elected General Sessions Court/Juvenile Court Judge for Maury County in 1988, with 2018 marking his thirtieth year on the bench; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Juvenile Court Judge, he served as President of the General Sessions Judges Conference, President of the Maury County Bar Association, and was

instrumental in the creation of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in Maury County; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, the Maury County CASA program became one of the leading CASA programs in the State and helped mold and save the lives of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his job and committed to the legal profession, Judge Lovell made the youth of Maury County a priority and was often a shining light for families in a period of darkness, remaining optimistic even in the face of his own personal tragedy in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lovell evinces his faith as a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Columbia, where he has served in numerous leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Judge Lovell is most appreciative of the love and support of his beloved wife of forty-four years, Liz, their three wonderful children, Elizabeth, John, and Logan, and their six treasured grandchildren, Hadley Simpson, Lucy Simpson, Stella Lovell, Gannon Lovell, George Lovell, and Grant Lovell; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lovell exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Judge George Logan "Buzz" Lovell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from his voluminous duties as General Sessions Court Judge for Maury County, applaud his years of dedicated public service and wise counsel, and wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.